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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED JULY 27 IN THE BANGKOK THAI-LANGUAGE DAILY, CHAO THAI, COMMENTING ON AMBASSADOR GREEN'S STATEMENT THAT SHOULD AUSTRALIA RESIGN FROM SEATO THE US MIGHT ALSO RESIGN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THIS STATEMENT MADE BY MR. GREEN IN CANBERRA CAUSES NO SMALL CONCERN BECAUSE SHOULD THE U.S. PULL OUT FROM SEATO IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF THAT ORGANIZATION. AMERICA PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATING AND SIGNING OF THE MANILA TREATY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT COULD BE SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEATO BEING WEAK FROM THE START, BECAUSE IT PERSUADED SOME COUNTRIES THAT WERE NOT SINCERE TO BECOME MEMBER NATIONS AND THAT THEY ONLY HOPED TO BENEFIT FROM MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER WAYS. AMERICA IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SEATO WEAKER BY CHANGING ITS POLICY SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY, AND WITHOUT CONSULTING ITS ALLIES IS SEATO FIRST, ESPECIALLY IN ITS POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA AND TOWARD INDOCHINA.

3. AT THIS STAGE, HOWEVER, MR. GREEN'S STATEMENT SEEMS TO BE A WARNING FOR AUSTRALIA NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT OR TOO HASTILY CONCERNING SEATO BECAUSE ITS ACTION MIGHT LEAD TO THE ORGANIZATION COLLAPSING

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COMPLETELY.

4. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION HAVE LESSENED THE IMPORTANCE OF SEATO'S MILITARY TASKS CONSIDERABLY NOW, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT ITS TASKS IN OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL BE OF LESS IMPORTANCE ALSO. THIS IS WHY IT IS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON THIS ORGANIZATION CAUSED BY THE PRESENT SITUATION WILL LEAD TO ITS ACTIVITIES HAVING TO BE REORGANIZED ONLY IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES TO A MUCH GREATER EXTENT. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, ITS TASK TO OPPOSE COMMUNIST SUBVERSION WILL NOT BE COMPLETELY STOPPED.  
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